

Column One  
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THE world seems in better humor than for many a long day. Israel and Egypt make faces at each other, shots are fired into and from a couple of desolate islands off the China coast, the French are having trouble with the Algerians and the Dutch with the Indonesians in New Guinea. But what are these against the soft accounts of Mr. Dulles and Mr. Molotov, the garlands not yet withered on the brow of Mr. Mendelsohn, the bright star of Sir Anthony and the doves of co-existence that flutter Picasso-like among the startled grey pigeons of the House of Commons?

IF these signs mean anything to those who are the Big Statesmen, like the simple people who depend upon their statesmanship, are tired of being kept in tension, and are looking about them for ways to peace. One had always thought it possible that the world's leaders were the means of their peace but if, indeed, that is so, what has brought it about? There are those who attribute it to the atomic bomb, the hydrogen bomb, believing that the awful knowledge of these destroyers and even more the un-knowledge of their range of deadliness, have shocked democratic governments and totalitarian dictators alike to the realization that world war might well be something from which there could be no recovery. It is one thing to risk war when there is reasonable hope of winning to calculate the outcome. It is quite another when final calculations are hidden by a mushroom-shaped cloud and ultimately hinted at in the blood of a few unlucky fishermen.

IF war, then, has lost its savour, is a potential aggressor and a potential defender as well (although largely because of the atomic bomb) the means of destroying both, there can be little point in keeping peace in ironies any longer. The ball and chain can be filed off its brutal ankles and the thing being given at the very least the restricted freedom of co-existence. It is quite clear that western statesmen would feel easier in their consciences and much easier in their electorates if that were done. And one may even go as far as to say that men in the Kremlin are not hounded and hideous devils whose only object is to "liquidate" peace and then terrorize and ultimately atomize all the known world they can lay their hands on, including the U.S.S.R. In fine, it is no more rational wisdom to believe that East and West have decided that global war is a bad risk. From there to peace is not from here to tomorrow, but it is on the way that is something to be thankful for.

THE hydrogen-bomb is not the only encouragement to co-existence. It is towards peace or the avoidance of war. Rulers can keep their peoples on edge with talk of atomic weapons for as long as they like, and there is evidence that the limit has been reached. Those who had notions of going to war on a global scale have probably missed their chance. In Soviet Russia and the satellite countries, according to intelligent observers who have just returned from there, and in the United States, France, Britain and even Germany, the people have stopped talking about peace and have stopped bracing downcast spirits at a hint of the prospect of war. They are talking about peace thinking about it as a business, their business, their holiday, their children's education, and today, one would guess, more betwixt and between, that refuses to plan with them.

THESE are signs. Signs are part of the international stock-in-trade in peace as well as in war. The fact that Germany has supplanted France as the doubtful factor in western schemes for defensive treaty cohesion, and that Russia, with its latest unoriginal proposals for a gathering of all just west of Berlin, is preventing that western cohesion may be disappointing, but no one, surely, would claim that relaxation of co-existence are possible only by the settlement of every problem to the satisfaction of every party to it. What is important is the positive sign of a general preference for peace over war. War talk has become dull talk.

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**ENVOY TO EL SALVADOR**  
Mr. Yosef Kessary presented his credentials as Israel's Minister to El Salvador on Thursday. Mr. Kessary is Minister to several South and Central American countries and resides in Mexico.

**TORRENTS OF RAIN OVER THE COUNTRY**  
As a result of the cold weather and the heavy rains which have begun, cases of rheumatism and influenza are on the increase. Add the sufferers afflicted with rheumatism feel only too well the change in weather and the dampness of the air.

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Gen. Burns to Call Appeals C'ttee On Bat Galim Case

The Israel-Egypt Special Committee will be convened by Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of the Truce Supervision Organization, to consider the appeal submitted by Egypt against the Mixed Armistice Commission verdict in the Bat Galim case.

The U.N. spokesman reported yesterday that General Burns had received the text of this appeal, following Friday's meeting of the M.A.C. He has not yet fixed a date for the Special Committee hearing.

The Israel-Jordan M.A.C. met yesterday to discuss the building of barbed-wire fences by both parties along the Jerusalem border, the U.N. spokesman added. No conclusions were reached, and the session was adjourned until today.

The dates on the letters of the imprisoned crew of the Bat Galim to their families in Israel were deleted by the Israeli censorship before they were handed to the Israel delegates to the Mixed Armistice Commission, "Ma'ariv" reported. This was the only censor cut in the 11 letters, which were written on International Red Cross forms.

Rafael Spinit wrote to his mother that he was well and wished to thank all friends for helping him.

Mordechai Cartiel, also writing to his mother, said, "I am happy to know that you are happy. I hope to return home." He said he was learning mathematics from a book he had with him.

Zvi Shidlo, Captain of the Bat Galim, in his letter to Mrs. Shidlo, stated that he was in good health, that the food was good and that his military conditions were satisfactory.

Similar statements were made by the other sailors.

Shuckburgh Meets Amman Leaders

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuters). — The British Foreign Under-Secretary for Middle East Affairs, Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, met today with Acting Premier Khulusi al Khayri and Foreign Minister Walid Salah.

Mr. Shuckburgh, who is touring the Middle East, also saw the French Charge d'Affaires and the U.S. Ambassador. He dined with King Hussein and his sons, and was then met by Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Gen. John Gubbie, Commander of the Arab Legion.

**HARDING SEES BURNS**  
Field Marshal Harding conferred at length yesterday afternoon with Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of the Truce Supervision Organization. NEABS reported last night.

The Field Marshal, who arrived in Amman on Saturday, was visiting the Old City and the Jordanian Government House to call on Gen. Burns. They were under stood to have conferred on the subject of the Arab Legion, and the situation along the Israel-Jordan armistice lines.

Sir John also inspected the armistice lines and visited a National Guard encampment.

**Anna Kethly Gets Hungary's Pardon**  
BUDAPEST, Sunday (UP). — The Government announced today that it has pardoned Miss Anna Kethly, well-known pro-Western Socialist leader who vanished in 1948. Her arrest and conviction was denounced but was never formally acknowledged. The communique stated: "The Government has decided to exercise the right of pardon in the case of Miss Kethly, who was arrested and convicted on charges of espionage and sabotage. She was released from prison on the day of the signing of the armistice between Hungary and the Soviet Union."

**118 YEAR OLD WOMAN MISSING FROM HOME**  
ACRE, Sunday. — A woman, reported to be 118 years old, from Manda village in Galilee, has disappeared since she left her home days ago. The old lady, Naama Ja'ad Allah Jamiyah, who was born in Zippori village, is said to be mentally unstable.

Wedding Gift for Toy Fund

The marriage of Naomi Poller in Tel Aviv on Tuesday brought the Post-State Toy Fund in co-operation with Zedim, a gift of IL50, a fine way of sharing this happy event with the less fortunate. The mail also brought a letter from Gabriel Goldschmidt of Kfar Ono who asked "why not collect 10 times 'The Grush' (IL 10) prize (IL 1,000) as you did last year? With only a month to go, I wonder how many more you'll get if I give the first one. Continue the good work."

Together with yesterday's other contributions our first total stands at IL168,500.

Anxious to be the first to bring in a rocking horse, the veteran writer, Avraham Shalom, in the pouring rain, lugged a charming one to the Jerusalem editorial office of Zedim. He hopes

New IL.633m. Budget Presented to Cabinet

A new budget of IL.633m. for the fiscal year 1955/56 was presented by the Minister of Finance to the Cabinet yesterday, four-and-a-half months before the end of the present financial year. It is hoped that the budget discussions within the Government will be concluded before the end of next month, the Director General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. P. Sapir, told the Press, so that it may be tabled in the Knesset at the beginning of January. The preliminary estimates of income and expenditure embody the following important points:

Concessions for Few Gov't Physicians

Doctors in Government service will receive an additional IL5 free of tax, per month, for the purchase of medical literature, and a total of 20 out of some 300 Government-employed physicians will receive additional pay either for senior administrative duties or extra hours or special services. The Cabinet decided at its weekly meeting yesterday. These allowances will bring Government doctors in line with Knesset House physicians.

A spokesman of the Israel Medical Association, commenting on the government's decision regarding State-employed doctors, declared that whereas the full details were not yet available, it was already clear that only a small number of doctors would be affected, and the physicians therefore, would go ahead with their decision to step up their "passive resistance."

An emergency meeting will be held tomorrow to be attended by Government doctors, Tel Aviv and Haifa municipal doctors, and the Central Committee of the I.M.A. to decide on further steps.

A public committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Y. Gurli, who is also chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, has been appointed to study the entire question of salaries and grading of civil servants and other public officials.

This committee has wider terms of reference than the Govrin Committee last year, which made recommendations mainly on salary scales and not on the general scheme of grading to be used. The other members of the committee are Knesset Members Y. Hazzani and Hanan Lendani, Dr. W. Abelson, and Messrs. R. Abramov, A. Bayil, M. Bar-Am, A. Glat, and E. Weinstein.

Final action on the question of pig-breeding legislation was postponed by the Cabinet in order to await the outcome of two test cases now in the High Court.

PORK CASE TO COURT

The Natanya Municipal Council had decided not to renew the license of shopkeepers who refuse to sign a guarantee that they will not sell pork or pork products. The Minister of the Interior, Mr. Oved Ben-Ami, told the High Court of Justice on Friday. He was responding to an application for an order nisi, made by the Natanya Municipality to show cause why a license should not be granted to Mr. Haim Akai to operate a sausage shop.

Mr. Rokach, Minister of Interior, reported that doctors have been asked to sign a declaration as to the validity of the by-laws which have been made by a number of local authorities, and he has held up his approval. A decision on whether or not to introduce legislation into the Knesset on the subject will be taken until the High Court hands down its opinion on the present rules.

A law was approved regulating the change of names, and making certain conditions, including one providing that both members of a married couple must agree before a change of name can be published. In future it will not be possible to make a second change of name within seven years of the first change.

A financial and commercial treaty with Yugoslavia was approved by the Cabinet. It was a part of a Government company for home-industries, including rug-making, now being promoted by Mrs. Ruth Dayan. The official communique stated: "The Cabinet opened its weekly session yesterday with a discussion on the 1955/56 budget. The communique stated: 'The Government has decided to exercise the right of pardon in the case of Miss Kethly, who was arrested and convicted on charges of espionage and sabotage. She was released from prison on the day of the signing of the armistice between Hungary and the Soviet Union.'"

Approved the report of the inter-ministerial committee on the conditions of State-employed physicians on special duties.

Approved the trade agreement between Israel and Yugoslavia.

Approved a bill on arrangements for the changing of names.

Debated the question of pig-raising in the country, and approved the establishment of a company to encourage home-industries in immigrant settlements.

A committee was set up to study the salary scale in Government and public institutions.

**NEW DULLES VISIT TO MID-EAST REPORTED**  
U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will shortly visit Middle East capitals, according to the Jordan press yesterday.

It was reported that he will discuss "the solution of the Palestine problem and other pending security questions" with both Israel and the Arab countries.

British GHQ Moving To Cyprus Wednesday

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NICOSIA, Sunday. — Final preparations for the transfer of the British forces in the Middle East headquarters from the Suez Canal Zone to Cyprus were completed today.

The transfer which commenced on Wednesday will be effected by sea and air, and will spread over one week during which some 1,500 soldiers and much of the bulk of the G.H.Q. staff will be moved to Cyprus.

The headquarters will officially start operating from Cyprus on December 1, the day when two Middle East commanders, General Sir Kenneth Poole and Air Chief Marshal Sir Claude Pelly, take up residence in the island.

The transfer marks the opening phase in the new era of Middle East defence strategy which resulted from the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Suez agreement. For the first time in 78 years of British occupation, the British command in the Middle East Command which controls a string of military and air bases from Malta to the Persian Gulf.

Leave Southeast Asians Alone, Says MacDonald

CANBERRA, Sunday (Reuters). — The British Commissioner-General in South-East Asia, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, declared in a recorded radio broadcast yesterday that if the people of South-East Asia are left to themselves they will never become Communists.

He said that most South-East Asian peoples are opposed to Communism and added: "They are satisfied with and are determined to defend the national freedom they have gained."

Mr. MacDonald recorded the speech for a nation-wide broadcast before leaving for New Zealand, where he is continuing a series of meetings with Commonwealth government officials.

He said that a vast and significant political revolt in recent years had left every country in South-East Asia, except North Borneo and Malaya, self-governing. The political transformation had been greater than the French or Russian revolutions, he added.

US College Plays Safe On Chinese Recognition

LYNCHBURG, Sunday (Reuters). — The debate director of Roanoke College said today that "fear of students being investigated later in life prevented the college from sending a side for the affirmative in a debate on 'Should the U.S. recognize Red China?'"

They sent two "negative" sides to the annual eight-college event which took place here yesterday. The other seven sent "affirmative" sides, and the debate was won by the affirmative side. The official communique stated: "The Cabinet opened its weekly session yesterday with a discussion on the 1955/56 budget. The communique stated: 'The Government has decided to exercise the right of pardon in the case of Miss Kethly, who was arrested and convicted on charges of espionage and sabotage. She was released from prison on the day of the signing of the armistice between Hungary and the Soviet Union.'"

Institute for Jewish Culture To Be Opened in Tel Aviv

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TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The opening of an Institute for Jewish Culture in this city this coming year was announced today by the Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon, when reviewing the work of the Municipality's Institute of Biology. This latter institute the Mayor told the Press, was now in the second year and had already reached a high enough standard to enable students completing their first year here to enter directly the second year of studies at the Hebrew University.

The school will be headed by Professor Israel Etros, of the U.S. who will teach Modern Hebrew Literature and Philosophy.

Over 30 students will attend the first year of course, after a rigid examination. Annual tuition fees have been fixed at IL200.

The Tel Aviv Municipality at present spends IL175,000 a year on institutions of higher learning, including the High School of Law and Economics, which is to become part of the Tel Aviv University. The High School is shortly to begin construction of its building, the first in the Tel Aviv University campus, on an area of 200 dunams near Sheikh Muniss in the North of the city.

Mr. Levanon took issue with the Minister of Education and Culture, Prof. Ben-Zion Dinur, who recently told the Press that he did not agree with "private enterprise" in establishing institutions of higher studies.

West to Reject Soviet Offer to Delay Parley

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters). — The Western powers will reject Russia's new bid, made by Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov yesterday, to delay West German rearmament until a European conference on security is held, diplomatic quarters said today.

The Western Powers are already drafting an answer to two Soviet Notes, one of October 20 proposing a Big Four meeting on Germany and the other of November 18 calling for a 23-nation conference on general European security.

The Western reply will also be a rejection of Mr. Molotov's proposal for a public offer, which so far has not been conveyed to official quarters as a diplomatic document. The Western view is that ratification of the Paris agreements rearming Western Europe must precede any meeting of East and West.

Preliminary British, French, and American views have already been discussed in the Atlantic Pact Council in Paris, and the London working group will send only one reply to both Soviet Notes.

Officials drafting the Western reply are the Comte de Crouy-Champ, French Charge d'Affaires in London, Mr. Norris Chipman, of the U.S. Embassy here, and Mr. Geoffrey Harrison, of the Foreign Office.

French officials do not believe that Mr. Molotov's warnings and closed the door to future negotiations. Bonn Government quarters believe that Russia's suggestion shows that Moscow is determined to maintain "considerable pressure" on the West but is not ready to offer genuine concessions even if the West were to renounce the Paris treaties.

Dramatic Move Seen from Moscow

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuters). — Western circles in Moscow expect that Russia's offer to postpone the proposed European conference will be followed by a more dramatic move next week before the National Assembly's debate on ratifying German rearmament.

Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov, in his interview with Pravda yesterday, said that Russia proposed November 26 as the date for an all-European conference on collective security because discussions on ratifying the Paris agreements were to begin in December.

It would "of course" be possible to agree upon another date for the conference if the discussion of the ratification of the Paris agreements were postponed, he stated.

Earlier it had been considered possible that the Russians might go ahead with the conference with East European states, and the possible conclusion of a treaty for their own security alliance.

Diplomatic circles here considered that the Kremlin believed it offer to postpone the conference and thereby impliedly suggesting postponement of the Communist countries' demands.

**Mendes-France, Raab Meet in New York**  
NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — French Premier Rene Mendes-France and Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab had a half-hour meeting today which was the last of their departure for Washington.

The French Premier, who arrived here last night, sent word to Mr. Raab at his hotel that he would like to meet him today. The meeting was arranged for shortly past noon, when Mr. Mendes-France called at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

After the meeting, the two told reporters that "our meeting was in connection with preparations for the visit of the Austrian Chancellor to France."

Mr. Mendes-France was a guest at a reception for the French colony here and attended a private dinner tonight given in his honor by M. Henri Hoppenot, chief French delegate to the U.N. He was also scheduled to appear in a television programme over the N.B.C. network.

U.S. interest in the Premier has been whetted by the laudatory dispatches appearing in most newspapers. There has been no outright criticism of him since he arrived, and even the most reserved commentators concede that he has thus far achieved a remarkable success in the U.S.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS CTTEE

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee will meet at the Knesset tomorrow with participation of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett.

Cairo Asks Lutfi To Replace Nagib As President

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuters). — The Egyptian Council today nominated 81-year-old Lutfi el-Sayed, former Foreign Minister and one of Egypt's most noted courtiers, as President to replace Gen. Mohammed Nagib, a government spokesman said tonight.

The aged diplomat-writer has been approached by the Committee to accept the post. Recently he resigned all his posts, including that of President of the Arab Academy.

Diplomatic observers here have noted that the ruling junta is anxious to appoint a civilian who commands nationwide respect and success to Nagib, who was dismissed from office last Sunday.

Cairo Radio announced tonight that it has been decided to appoint Lutfi as President. It quoted an interview granted by Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser to a British correspondent.

In Khartoum and Umm Duray, the Sudanese Government today renewed demonstrations in favour of Nagib, while the Sudanese Press Syndicate announced a general strike of newspapers for Tuesday, according to NEABS.

The Sudanese delegation now here met Major Salah Salem, Propaganda Minister, for six successive hours yesterday and for three hours today. They demanded that Nagib should not be brought to trial, and that he be permitted his freedom.

**Modesty Indicted**  
Meanwhile, the authorities last night served an indictment on Dr. Hassan el-Hodhey, Supreme Council member, for sedition. Brotherhood who will go on trial before a tribunal tomorrow, charged with plotting to overthrow the Government.

Hodhey was the chief witness last week in the trial of Mohammed Latif, Cairo plumber accused of making the attempt on the life of Premier Abdul Nasser last month.

The indictment served in Cairo Prison alleged that Hodhey had "committed acts against the president of the government and the security of the country at home and abroad both before and on October 23, 1954, in order to prepare a detailed plan 'to carry out wide-spread assassinations and destructive actions of very grave consequences and to cause all over the country as the preliminary step to seizing the Government by force.'"

Hodhey was also charged with using his position as a member of the State preparatory to carrying out the planned coup.

Police authorities, reported NEABS, have uncovered a cache containing arms and an "enormous" amount of explosives belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood.

Crashed Iraqi Planes Were 125,000 Vampires

The Iraqi Crown Prince, King Abdul Karim, who accompanied King Faisal to Beirut, left the Lebanese capital yesterday for Baghdad to attend the military funeral of the two Iraqi Air Force pilots who crashed near Dara on Saturday afternoon, NEABS reported.

The jet planes were of the Vampire type, each costing \$125,000, and had only recently been acquired from Britain. They crashed while escorting King Faisal's plane on his flight from Amman to Beirut.

A Syrian delegation led by Prime Minister Faisal el Khoury returned to Damascus this afternoon after a courtesy call on King Faisal. The delegation left the Syrian capital in the morning. The Jordan Premier, Tewfik Abdul Huda, who is on a one week vacation in Beirut, saw King Faisal yesterday.

Export-Import Bank Aids U.S. Producers

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuters). — The U.S. Export-Import Bank today announced two new deals totaling \$7m. to help American manufacturers sell equipment abroad.

They were the second series announced by the Export-Import Bank since it launched its official policy on November 10 of extending credits to manufacturers to help them meet foreign competition.

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